



FIESTAS QUEEN APPLICATION FORM

Fourth of July Fiestas 2020

Theme:

Return to: City of Las Vegas /Las Vegas Fourth of July Fiestas
1700 N. Grand Avenue
Las Vegas, NM 87701
505-454-1401

Application Due Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 by 5:00 PM

Point of Contact: Rosita Ellis at (505) 429-0887

The following must be included with this application:

- ▶▶ Copy of Birth Certificate.
- ▶▶ Essay 250 words submitted in Spanish or English.
- ▶▶ Three letters of reference from non-family members.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone #: _____ Secondary Contact Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____ Marital Status: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Employer and/or School: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Parent's Address: _____

Parent's Phone #: _____ Parent's Secondary Phone #: _____

QUEEN AND COURT GUIDELINES

- Must be interested in the 4th of July Fiestas and in portraying the role of Las Vegas Fiestas Queen, Princesa or Dama for one (1) year from the date of selection as Las Vegas Fiestas Queen, Princesa or Dama until a successor has been crowned.
- Candidates must be female and between the ages of 17 and 24 years of age.
- Candidates must have maintained residency in San Miguel County for the last three (3) years.
- Candidates must be able to communicate effectively while representing the city of Las Vegas and must be willing to do so at Pre-Fiestas, Fiestas and other Community events.
- By completing this application, candidates consent to full cooperation and understanding of the duties as outlined in this application.
- Candidates understand that the Fiestas Work Group has appointed a designee, Rosita Ellis, to oversee the Royal Court and activities of the Royal Court.
- Candidates shall never have been married, nor shall she become pregnant throughout her entire reign as Fiesta Queen, Princesa or Dama.
- Candidates must be willing to be judged on the following: Appearance in Fiestas wear, formal wear, speech, questions and knowledge of the history of the Las Vegas Fiestas, interview, talent, and an impromptu question (total of 100 points possible).
 - Fiestas Wear 15 points possible
 - Formal Wear 15 points possible
 - Speech 30 points possible
 - Interview 20 points possible
 - Talent 15 points possible
 - Impromptu Question 5 points possible
- Candidates must submit a typed 250 word essay submitted in Spanish or English answering the following: Why do you want to be Fiestas Queen and what will you bring to the Fiestas Royal Court?
- Members of the Royal Court must be able to participate in all activities approved by the 4th of July Fiestas Work Group and the designee including:
- Attendance EVERY day at the 4th of July Fiestas
- May be requested to attend the following at their own expense unless otherwise stated and approved by City event planner.

If requested, the following events:

 - ★ Espanola Fiestas' Dance and Parade
 - ★ Taos Fiestas' Mass, Marcha Event, Dinner/Dance and Parade
 - ★ New Mexico State Fair Parade and Visit to Spanish Village
 - ★ Fiestas de Santa Fe Baile de la Reina, Mass and Parade
 - ★ Local Homecoming Parades
 - ★ Any other events not currently scheduled, however significant, as specified by the Fiestas Work Group and designee.

- Members of the Royal Court must refrain from the following while representing the 4th of July Fiestas Royal Court:
 - Drinking alcoholic beverages.
 - Use of any tobacco products or illicit drugs.
 - Using abusive or profane language.
 - No petty jealous quarreling or name calling by any members of the Royal Court towards anyone.
 - No physical altercations of any sort.
 - Cyber bullying, or transmitting vulgar or obscene pictures through the use of any electronic device.
- Significant other:
 - Significant others are not to accompany any member of the Royal Court to approved activities unless designated to do so by the Fiestas Work Group and/or the designee.
 - Any physical contact (holding hands, kissing, etc.) should be refrained from until dismissed and out of Fiestas attire and no longer representing the Las Vegas 4th of July Fiestas Royal Court.
- The Royal Court must relinquish scepter and crown to designee after every event attended.
- The Members of the Royal Court will be required to dress in full formal attire at any time they are representing the 4th of July Fiestas Royal Court. Formal attire consist of:
 - ★ Crown
 - ★ Fiestas Wear (Depending on event, the Reina and Designee will determine)
- The Royal Court, if traveling, must travel as a group with the Queen & Royal Court and designee other Fiestas Work Group members when attending or participating in out of town events. Members of the Royal Court must have special permission from the designee to arrive at, or leave, an approved activity with anyone other than those designated above, and proper release must be signed to account for liability.
- Members of the Royal Court will remain at a function until dismissed by the designee and shall leave as a group.
- The Las Vegas Fiestas Work Group encourages Friendship between members of the Royal Court and will not condone petty jealousies between them. To assist in this matter, participation on the part of the parents of the Royal Court is highly encouraged.
- Marriage or pregnancy by any member of the Royal Court shall be immediately reported to the Fiestas Work Group and to the Designee and such member of the Royal Court shall immediately submit her resignation and relinquish her title, and crown (see #7 of these Guidelines).
- The Las Vegas Fiestas requires a background check on those applying for the position of La Reina.
- Any alleged violation of the above guidelines is subject to disciplinary action or sanctions up to and including removal from the position.
- Any adverse action including removal from the position will require a majority vote of all members on the Fiestas Work Group.

There will be no excuse for not attending the required events unless the absence is approved by the Fiestas Work Group or Designee. (Absences will be reviewed on a case by case basis.)

Note: A member of the Royal Court shall not under any circumstances, enter a religious event late. If the religious event has begun, the member of the Royal Court must wait outside until the end.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I _____ certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that misinformation will cause the City of Las Vegas Fiestas Work Group to remove my name and relinquish participation in the selection contest and Fiestas Court activities.

As a candidate for the 4th of July Fiestas Royal Court, I acknowledge that the Royal Court Guidelines were read aloud and I am aware of the responsibility that I will undertake. Also, by signing below, I authorize the 4th of July Fiestas Work Group and the Las Vegas Police Department to conduct a background check, as stated in # 18 of the above referenced guidelines.

Print Your Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Subscribed and sworn to me before this _____ day of _____ 2019.

(SEAL)

Notary public

My Commission expires: _____